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Once again we witness Japan extend her greedy hands for the conquest of the Asiatic continent. Her gory fingers are already in the Manchurian pie, and she will never stop until her bellies are filled with the spoils of the East. It must be clear to everyone by this time that Japan is there to stay and will never easily yield to the intervention of a third party.

**The Continental Policy of Japan.** There are two of the outstanding policies of Japanese imperialism: namely, the conquest of the Southwestern Pacific including Formosa, Philippine Islands, the Dutch East Indies, and the islands below the equator; and the domination of the eastern part of the Asiatic mainland such as Korea, Manchuria, Mongolia, and China proper. The former policy has been checked temporarily in its southward course of advance by the Western powers who have possessions there. But the latter, the northward course of conquest, is left open by the recent flood and the internal strife in China, the unwillingness of Russia to join the scramble on account of her Five Year Plan, and the economic depression in the West.

Japan gained her foothold in the continent when she annexed Korea in 1910 regardless of her repeated solemn vows to recognize the sovereignty and independence of the Korean kingdom. Japan violated so many treaties and agreements that it is a farce, as the Koreans know it, to believe that there is any sincerity in Japan's motive to abide with or to live up to any kind of international treaties or agreements in which she has been or will be one of the participants. After the annexation of Korea under the pretext of Asia for Asiatics, she has been steadily looking for a chance to make Manchuria a second victim of her shameless, belligerent, and most condemnable imperialistic conquest. Thus the infamous twenty-one demands that guarantee Japan's paramount economic rights in Manchuria were forced upon the Chinese government in 1915. The Angangchi-Ssupinghai Railroad was built with Japan's capital, and the Kirin-Huining line also

with the Japanese subsidy is almost half way completed. And with the South Manchurian Railroad as the trunk, the most fertile region of Manchuria is circumscribed and is entirely under the Japanese domination.

**Some Interesting Parallels Between the Annexation of Korea and the Japanese Military Action in Manchuria.** Before Japan annexed Korea, she had to murder the queen and force the emperor to abdicate because they were hostile to Japan and because they were wise enough to detect her wolfish aim to rob them of their country. Then Japan put a weakling on the Korean throne that he might follow and obey whatever Japan said. Now what happened to Chang Tso-Lin and Chang Hsuei-Liang? The former was murdered and the latter was forced to abdicate. What is going on now in Manchuria? Japan is bringing the "boy emperor" from Tiensin to establish a government in Manchuria who will and must follow and obey the dictates of the Japanese. Secondly, Japan's excuse to the nations of the world when she took over Korea was that the strategic position of the Korean peninsula, when possessed by others powers, was like a dagger pointed to her heart. Now she tells you the same old story that Manchuria is a sword pointed in her direction. Again, Japan by her swift action has taken over the military and the police patrol of Manchurian government as she did in Korea before the world knew much about it. The identical policy and intrigue in Korea before the annexation is repeated in Manchuria now.

**The Case of the Koreans in Manchuria.** The Koreans who have been driven out of their country by the Japanese economic exploitation, having no place to go, migrated into Manchuria in the hope that they might be sympathized with and given a generous consideration by the Chinese, who have been close friends for many centuries. The Korean farmers in Manchuria have been prosperous and have lived in harmony with the Chinese, each sympathizing with and helping the other, until Japan, who is very sensitive and conscious of the Korean-Chinese unity and who is looking for some intrigue to break up the tie between the two peoples, has come along and claim the right of protection over her Korean subjects. Japan sent the consular officers and



police wherever the Koreans were. Naturally the Chinese disliked to see the Japanese come into their locality, and consequently the Koreans were blamed for it. Then the Koreans moved to become naturalized under the Chinese government. But Japan has it written in her "sacred" Law of Nationality that all Koreans are prohibited to become Chinese citizens in Manchuria, and this law is strictly applied to the Koreans alone. Hence the obnoxious protection wherever the Koreans are. Thus the cordial and friendly relation between the Koreans and the Chinese is strained. Again Japan is to blame.

Besides the above, Manchuria has been a haven for the poverty-stricken Koreans as well as the ardent Korean nationalists. The political exiles of Korea have established the headquarters in various cities of Manchuria. Their political associations as well as many educational institutions are there. Japan has been planning to exterminate the Korean nationalists since long time. Under the cloud of the present invasion she plans to wipe them out at the point of the sword. Thus the Japanese conquest of Manchuria means to the Koreans a death blow to their hope for regaining the lost nationhood.

As the Koreans have witnessed for twenty years under the Japanese rule, Japan has been anything but the benevolent Spirit or the enlightened protector of the happiness and rights of the people. She is as greedy as a wolf; her heart is as black as night. Her hands are red with the blood of our peace-loving people; her dungeons and gallows are hideous and loathsome. This barbarism and this rule of iron and blood are intolerable in the face of modern civilization.

Japan must be checked, and a lesson must be taught her by the enlightened opinions of the world. The wrong that Japan has done to Korea must be righted. With the 23,000,000 Korean people seethed with resentment, drunk with the desire for freedom, Korea will always be one of the sore spots of the world. Korea must be free, and Japanese militarism must fall. The world, and the Far East in particular, will never rest in peace as long as there is the imperialistic Japan whose mischievous actions and unruly nature are a constant threat to the peace-loving nations of the world.

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